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REFTEL (A) NAIROBI 3245, (B) NAIROBI 3287.

SUMMARY: COMMITTEE II COMPLETED ON ITEM II (B) WITH DECISION
REPORTED REF (B); II (C), DISTRIBUTION STAFF COSTS BETWEEN UN REGULAR
BUDGET AND ENVIRONMENT FUND; II (D) AUDITED 1974 ACCOUNTS AND UN-
AUDITED 1975 ACCOUNTS; II (E), ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING STUDY
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PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS. DISCUSSION INITIATED ON ITEM II (F), REVIEW

FUND

PROGRAM FOR 1976-1977 AND MID-TERM PLAN. DEBATE AND DECISIONS
ROUTINE EXCEPT FOR ITEM II (B). HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. ITEM II (B): DEBATE THIS ITEM CONSUMED ENTIRE APRIL 1 P.M.
SESSION, CONTINUED IN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP FOLLOWING MORNING
AND CONCLUDED IN APRIL 2 P.M. SESSION WITH CONSENSUS DRAFT DECISION
REPORTED REFTEL (B). MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS, JOINED
BY NEW ZEALAND AND JAPAN EXPRESSED UNEASINESS OVER LEVEL OF
ACTIVITIES PROJECTED IN UNEP DOCS 69 AND 73, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT
REVISED RESOURCES BASE REFLECTING RESCHEDULING OF PAYMENTS AGAINST
PLEDGES, AND WARNED OF UNDP-LIKE FINANCIAL CRISES IF DEFICIT
SITUATION CREATED. NONE, HOWEVER, ENDORSED WITH ANY VIGOR US
SUGGESTION THAT GC/III DECISION BE PERMITTED TO STAND AND PROGRAM
LEVEL BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY. CANADIAN DEL CAME CLOSE TO THIS
OBJECTIVE WITH PROPOSAL THAT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BE AUTHORIZED
UNDERTAKE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES UP TO LEVEL REFLECTING CURRENT ANTICI-
PATED RESOURCES, WITH AUTHORITY TO EXCEED THIS LEVEL IF ADDITIONAL
RESOURCES WERE FORTHCOMING AS RESULT EXEC DIR'S CAMPAIGN
FOR GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS. THIS PROPOSAL WAS WITHDRAWN,
HOWEVER, AFTER SEVERAL DELS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DIFFICULTY
IMPLEMENTATION AND SECRETARIAT DOUBTED IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ARTICLE VI. 5 OF GENERAL PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS
OF THE FUND OF UNEP. US QUESTIONED SECRETARIAT INTERPRETATION
FUND PROCEDURES BUT DID NOT PRESS IN FACE CANADIAN WITHDRAWAL OF
PROPOSAL. FRANCE SUPPORTED EXEC DIR'S RECOMMENDATION AND FELT
THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD FULLY HONORED THEIR PLEDGES SHOULD NOT BE
PENALIZED BY A REDUCED PROGRAM. FRANCE, NEVERTHELESS, MADE IT
CLEAR PROGRAM MUST LIVE WITHIN ITS RESOURCES AND WAS VERY HELPFUL
IN SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL MEETING IN CONSTRUCTING DRAFT DECISION.
ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DELS ADDRESSING ISSUE URGED APPROVAL
EXEC DIR'S RECOMMENDATION ON GROUND IT IMPERATIVE TO MAINTAIN
MOMENTUM OF PROGRAM AND NOT HINDER THEIR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR
ENVIRONMENT. PHILIPPINE DEL HELPFULLY RAISED DIFFICULT CURRENCY
ISSUE, THUS ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO DRAFT DECISION FINALLY ADOPTED.
SWEDEN PRECIPITATED DECISION BY FORMAL PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT EXEC
DIR'S RECOMMENDATION, BUT STATED WILLINGNESS REFER TO COMMANDING
CONSENSUS SUPPORT. AFTER RESTATEMENT POSITION IN INFORMAL
WORKING GROUP, DEBATE CONCENTRATED ON SECOND PARAGRAPH, FINAL
FORMULATION OF WHICH REFLECTS PARTICULARLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY
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INSISTENCE PROGRAM LINE WITHIN ITS RESOURCES AND AVOID DEFICIT
SITUATION, IN P.M. COMMITTEE SESSION, FOLLOWING MILD
SKIRMISH IN WHICH KENYA (FORMER UN AMBASSADOR ODERO JOWI)
THREATENED REOPEN DEBATE BUT WITHDREW IN FACE BARRAGE GEOGRAPHICALLY
WELL-DISTRIBUTED PLEAS REPRESENTING BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING
SIDES, DRAFT DECISION REPORTED REFTEL (B) ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

2. DECISION ON OTHER ITEMS REACHED AFTER NON-CONTROVERSIAL

DEBATES OF LITTLE SUBSTANCE. SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR PARA IN DRAFT
DECISION ON ITEM II (A) REMINDING UNSYG OF IMPORTANCE OF
ENVIRONMENT, WITHDRAWN WHEN US DEL, WITH SUPPORT FROM FRANCE
AND BELGIUM, REMINDED SWEDISH DEL THAT UNEP WAS UN PROGRAM AND SYG
DID NOT REQUIRE LECTURE ON IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENT. US MADE
STATEMENT FOR RECORD, ON ITEM II (E), THAT US DOES NOT CONSIDER
DIVISION OF COST AGREED FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING STUDY
AS PRECEDENT FOR ALLOCATION FUTURE COSTS ON CONSTRUCTION OF
PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS. KENYAN DEL RECORDED SAME RESERVATION.

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